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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Graham

THROUGH: General Thomas *Aug 73*

SUBJECT: COINS Philosophy/Policy

REFERENCE: Note to Gen. Graham fr Gen. Allen,
dtd 7 Aug 73 (attached)

1. It appears that the referenced request has been largely overcome by events. ASD(I) has accepted the responsibility as executive agent for COINS and is moving forward to brief the PFIAB and IRAC on COINS progress and problems.

2. ASD(I) has appointed a COINS File Working Group under the Chairmanship of Norm Solat, to deal with file problems. The DCI representative on the Working Group is [REDACTED] (IC/CCG). [REDACTED] is prepared to present PRG ideas and suggestions to the Working Group. 25X1

3. The question of philosophy/policy regarding COINS files was essentially answered in your original memorandum, i.e., to be useful COINS must include high quality, current, relevant files. This point is recognized by ASD(I).

4. I recommend that no further action be taken on this matter at least until after the PFIAB meeting of 6 September. By that time, the IC Staff relationship to the executive agent and project officer should be better defined. The important bureaucratic question is, "How far should the IC Staff go in 'assisting' ASD(I)?" Inasmuch as ASD(I) has been given the executive agent responsibility, it would seem we should let them do their job with a minimum of interference.

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